

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Daniel Burri  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

References EP 0 738 591 and DE 602 01 937 are not in the English language, but have an English equivalent listed.

References DE 101 53 895 and DE 195 09 288 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

Additionally, a copy of the Opposition filed in the corresponding European Application is submitted herewith. If the Examiner requires a translation of this document, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner advise applicant of such.

More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application and/or a first (non-Final) Official Action has been received. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed.

Accordingly, as more specifically indicated below, a statement as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) is provided herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b  
(6) References

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